MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has it been finally settled that trade agents should first be appointed in India?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Supply of Electric Power in Trivandrum.

19. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the items that constitute the working charges for the supply of electric power in Trivandrum;

(*b*) the actual cost per unit of power and the cost at which it is supplied to the public;

(*c*) whether interest on investment also is charged on the public and if so, the rate of interest; and

(*d*) the net profit that Government make out of the supply of electric power to the public?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The items that constitute working charges for the supply of electric energy in town are;

(*A*) *Generation.*

1. Fuel oil.
2. Lubricating oil.
3. Salaries of Power House and Meter Test Staff.
4. Wages.
5. Repairs and maintenance of Power House and Office Building.
6. Repairs and maintenance of Engine and Plant.
7. Special item (*a*) Telephone charges (*b*) Miscellaneous.

(*B*) *Distribution.*

1. Salaries of Mains Superintendent and staff.
2. Wages.
3. Repairs and maintenance, and renewal of mains, painting posts, cutting over-hanging trees, etc.
4. Repairs and maintenance of Transformers and Sub-Station gear.
5. Repairs, maintenance and renewal of meters, switches, cut-outs, and other apparatus on consumers' premises.
6. Repairs of Street Lighting system.
7. Renewal of Street Lighting lamps.
8. Repairs and maintenance of motor lorry.
9. Repairs and maintenance of Tools and Plant.
10. Repairs and maintenance of Sub-Station buildings.
11. Telephone charges.

(*C*) *Administration.*

1. Proportionate pay and allowance of Electrical Engineer and staff.
2. Contingencies.
3. Stationery and Printing.

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(*D*) *Special charges.*

1. Audit expenses.
2. Pension and Provident Fund Contribution.

(*E*) *Depreciation.*

(*b*) The total cost of unit generated in 1105, 1106 and 1107 is 3·32 annas, 3·06 annas and 2·74 annas respectively.

The tariffs at which power is supplied to the public are:—

1. Lights and fans 6 annas.
2. Cenemas 4 annas.
3. Small Pumping plant, Household cooking Refrigerators etc.,3 annas a unit.
4. Industrial concerns:—

(*a*) 1½ annas per unit plus a fixed charge of Rs. 10 per K. W. of installed capacity, per mensem.

(*b*) 1½ annas per unit flat rate, with a rebate of 10 per cent for consumption above 50,000 units per annum.

(*c*) The interest on investment is not taken into account for calculating the charges.

(*d*) The net profits that the Government made out of the supply during the last three years are :—

1105—Rs. 24,619
1106—Rs. 50,177
1107—Rs. 53,725

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : What is the estimated net profit in 1108 ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The net receipts are given at page 19 of the budget for 1109.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : What is the amount ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Rs. 36,905.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Is there any reason for a fall of more than 30 per cent. in 1108 compared with 1107 ?

MR. T. C THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The information is not ready and so I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether the cost of electricity would be increased or the interest which the Government is to get decreased on account of this ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There is no proposal to increase the cost of the electricity that is supplied.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : So the Government income will be reduced to that extent. Is that the inference to be drawn ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Of course, if the charges are more, the Government cost will be greater.

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